



File Code: 1950
Date: October 31, 2018

Dear Interested Citizen:

As the Responsible Official, I have prepared a Draft Record of Decision (ROD) selecting Alternative 5 of the Eldorado National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle Use Designation Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Alternative 5 designates approximately 337,100 acres or approximately 55 percent of the National Forest System lands within the Eldorado National Forest as open for OSV use. Alternative 5 is responsive to public comments that identified important high elevation opportunities along the Sierra crest for both motorized and non-motorized backcountry winter recreation. Alternative 5 also designates 58 miles of groomed OSV trails on the existing Silver Bear Trail System.

The Final EIS and Draft Record of Decision are available for review on the Eldorado National Forest website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46034> or www.fs.usda.gov/projects/eldorado/landmanagement/projects.

To obtain a hard copy, please contact Jennifer Marsolais, Forest Environmental Coordinator at jennifermarsolais@fs.fed.us or 530-642-5187.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW (OBJECTION) OPPORTUNITIES

This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s).

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in the Mountain Democrat. The date of the legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Randy Moore, Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: ENF OSV Project; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: ENF OSV Project.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or



Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Documents may be incorporated by reference only, as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b).

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

If no objection is filed on this project a Record of Decision may be issued on, but not before, the fifth business day following the close of the objection filing period (36 CFR 218.21). If an objection to this decision is filed in accordance with 36 CFR 218.26, then this Record of Decision may not be signed until all concerns and instructions from the reviewing official in the objection response have been addressed (36 CFR 218.12 (b)).

In addition, the Record of Decision may not be signed until at least 30 days after publication of the Notice of Availability of the FEIS is published in the Federal Register [40 CFR 1506.10 (b)].

CONTACT

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Sincerely,



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